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GRIZZLIES COMPLETE
FIRST WEEK
OF SPRING FOOTBALL

MISSOULA--

With one week of spring football under its belt, the University of Montana football team resumes spring practice Tuesday, April 22. Workouts are open to the public, and begin at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Practices are held behind the UM Fieldhouse.

"We feel that offensively the team concept is the most improved area," said head coach Larry Donovan. "The short passing game has proved to be very versatile, and difficult to defend."

Donovan commended running backs Rocky Klever, Jack Schuster, Wayne Harper, Bob Cerkovnik and Mike Hagen, saying, "they have given us a spark both as runners and blockers." He also praised the offensive line work of tackles Brian McHugh and Pat Norwood.

Defensively, Donovan said backs Jay Becker and John Kovacich and linemen Pat Curry, Arnie Rigoni and Bret Barrick "are playing well and showing good leadership."

"We are still concerned with intensity," Donovan said. "We need intensity from the snap to the whistle, and that's what we are working for."

"Overall we are pleased with the first four days of spring practice," Donovan continued. "We are excited about the leadership the seniors on the team are displaying. "

"This week we're going to continue to emphasize our kicking game, along with offensive and defensive strategy, " he added.

The Grizzlies had their first film session Saturday a 9:30 when they held a scrimmage. Donovan said he planned another scrimmage at the same time this Saturday.

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